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- Between 21 and 31 March 1951, the Artillerie Kaserne on August Bebelstrasse, Frankfurt/Oder (D 53/V 63), quartered about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 22 March an officer addressed about 150 soldiers who were assembled in the barracks yard. Truck [ ] carrying 15 unarmed soldiers entered the installation. About 70 troops were policing the billeting area on 24 March. Trucks [ ] returned to the installation, occupied by 5 and 7 soldiers respectively who wore red-bordered black epaulets and seemed to be student drivers. On 28 March, about 100 unarmed soldiers and 35 soldiers with rifles performed close-order drill while nine other soldiers practiced with a 76.2-mm AA gun. On 31 March, about 100 troops practiced marching in formation and about 30 soldiers received rifle drill. Truck [ ] left the installation, carrying 10 and 15 unarmed soldiers respectively who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Only about 50 percent of the barracks windows were lighted at night. \* 50X1-HUM
- The Buslow Kaserne at the intersection of Forstenwalderstrasse-Poststrasse still quartered about 600 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. About 40 soldiers received rifle drill on 22 March. Trucks entering the installation included about 20 soldiers with rifles and submachine guns; and [ ] carrying 10 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and towing a 76.2-mm artillery piece. Tanks [ ] left the installation on 23 March. Tank [ ] armored scout cars [ ] and armored half-track vehicles [ ] left the installation in the afternoon of the same day. The half-track vehicles mounted a canvas-covered weapon, apparently a twin-barreled machine gun. Tank No 307 left the billeting area on 24 March. There was a great deal of drilling in the barracks yard on 30 March. Trucks [ ] each carrying about 20 soldiers, entered the installation. 50X1-HUM
- A fence divides the billeting area of the Eichhorn Kaserne on Mueller-Landstrasse in half. The northeastern section still quartered a few soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. No training

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activity has been observed there for a long time. Windows were lighted at dusk only occasionally. Furniture of the Koch office was stored in most of the annex buildings. The southwestern barracks section was still occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 24 March, about 120 soldiers were engaged in a game of soccer, while all other troops were policing the billeting area. Truck [ ] entered the installation, carrying 9 soldiers. On 28 March, about 80 soldiers practiced rifle drill. Trucks [ ] each carrying about 20 soldiers with rifles and submachine gun, left the installation toward Markendorf. On 30 March, about 150 soldiers were drilling with rifles while 10 soldiers practiced the throwing of stick hand grenades.

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4. The Hindenburg Kaserne, at the intersection of August Bebelstrasse and August Richterstrasse, was still occupied by about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with tank insignia. Tanks No 710 and 718 entered the installation on 23 March. Tanks No 713 and 723 left the installation on 24 March and returned in the afternoon. The same tanks were seen entering the billeting area on 27 March from the direction of Westkreuz, followed by truck [ ] which carried 15 soldiers. 50X1-HUM
5. The Hofbauer Kaserne, at the intersection of Birnbaumsmuehlstrasse and Schubertstrasse, still quartered about 100 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. No branch-of-service insignia were observed. The installation still served as transient billets for officers of all branches of service. These officers were transported to and from the installation by trucks [ ]. Most of the annex buildings were used as storage rooms for furniture of the Koch. On 22 March, three rail-type rocket launchers were seen through the open door of a garage. A fourth rocket launcher was being repaired by six soldiers in front of the armory. Three trucks without motors stood in front of the armory on 27 March. No regular training activity has been observed at the installation for months. 50X1-HUM
6. The Horn Kaserne on Muehlenstrasse still quartered about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including a few with tank insignia. About 120 soldiers received drill at squad level in the barracks yard on 22 March. Tank No 1907 entered the installation, while tank No 1953 left the installation on 23 March. SP gun No 1935 left the billeting area on 30 March. About 200 soldiers, organized in groups of various strengths, performed close-order drill in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles [ ] were observed in the billeting area. 50X1-HUM  
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7. The Ziethen Kaserne on Copernicusstrasse was still occupied by about 700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank and artillery insignia. On 23 March, about 20 soldiers were drilling, and 15 soldiers were practicing the construction of field fortifications in the area opposite the barracks installations. About 20 soldiers practiced with two 76.2-mm artillery pieces near the water tower. Two 37-mm AA guns were parked in the billeting area, while four canvas-covered tanks and a small armored scout car stood in front of the repair shop. On 30 March, about 20 soldiers were seen practicing with a 76.2-mm artillery piece and an aiming circle in the area opposite the installation while about 120 soldiers assembled for roll call in the barracks yard. Truck [ ] carrying 15 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and were armed with rifles, entered the installation. Truck [ ] was parked in the billeting area. 50X1-HUM  
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8. No changes were observed at the Soviet Kommandatura in the Yellow Press building on Puschkinstrasse. Twelve soldiers were seen there engaged in bayonet drill on 24 March and about 35 soldiers at calisthenics on 30 March. Motor vehicles [ ] were identified at the Kommandatura. \*\* 50X1-HUM

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\* [ ] Comment: Since component units of the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 32d, from Frankfurt/Oder have been engaged in AA firing practice at Juterbog since February 1951, it is plausible that the number of troops in the Artillerie Kaserne was lower than usual. Units of this division may have been on a train [ ] observed en route from Frankfurt/Oder to Juterbog as late as 20 March 1951. [ ]

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\* [ ] Comment. with regard to the other installations in Frankfurt/Oder, the report indicates no change over previous information [ ]

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